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CHARTER

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WILLIAM THE FOURTH, by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith—To all to whom these presents shall come or whom the same may concern—GREETING: Whereas an Association of divers of our loving subjects in the Province of Lower Canada, has been formed in the City of Quebec in our said Province, under the name of the "**Literary and Historical Society of Quebec,**" for the prosecution of researches into the early history of Canada, for the recovering, procuring, and publishing, interesting documents and useful information, as to the Natural, Civil and Literary History of British North America, and for the advancement of the Arts and Sciences in the said Province of Lower Canada, from which public benefit may be expected. And whereas it has been represented to us that the advantages to arise from the Association, would be greatly increased and confirmed by the Incorporation of the Members thereof, and an humble application has been made to

us that we would be graciously pleased to grant our Royal Charter of Incorporation for this purpose. Now KNOW YE—that being willing and desirous to afford encouragement to an Institution for objects so laudable and beneficial: We, of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have willed, ordained, granted, and appointed, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do will, ordain, grant, and appoint, that George Earl of Dalhousie, Sir James Kempt, John Adams, Edmund William Romer Antrobus, Charles Ardouin, Thomas Cushing Aylwin, Frederick Baddely, Henry W. Bayfield, Francis Bell, Henry Black, Edward Bowen, William Brent, Joseph Bouchette, Robert Shore Milnes Bouchette, Joseph Bouchette, junior, George Bourne, Judge Burton, Edward Burroughs, John Caldwell, Hugh Caldwell, Archibald Campbell, Charles Campbell, John Saxton Campbell, John Cannon, Edward Caron, John P. Cockburn, Andrew Wm. Cochran, Thomas Coffin, James Cuthbert, John Davidson, William H. A. Davies, Dominick Daly, Jerome Demers, Edward Desbarats, Frederick Desbarats, Robert D'Estimauville, William Dudley Dupont, William Bowman Felton, John Charlton Fisher, John Fletcher, William Findlay, James B. Forsyth, John Fraser, John Malcolm Fraser, François Xavier Garneau, Augustin Germain, Manly Gore, William Green, Louis Gugy, John Hale, James Hamilton, André Remi Hamel, Joseph Hamel, Victor Hamel, Aaron Hart, James Harkness, William Henderson, Frederick Ingall, William Kemble, William Kelly, James Kerr, Pierre Laforce, Louis Lagueux, William Lampson, Pierre de Salles Laterrière, Thomas Lee, junior, Joseph Legaré, Henry Lemesurier, Thomas Lloyd, William Lyons, Frederick Maitland, John McNider, William McKee, William King McCord, Roderick McKenzie, John Langley

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so as the same do not exceed in yearly value the sum of five hundred pounds, sterling money of Great Britain, above all charges; and also to take, receive, purchase, acquire, have, hold, possess and enjoy, to and for the same uses and purposes, any goods, chattels, gifts or benefactions, whatsoever. And we do hereby grant and declare, that the said Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and their successors for ever, by the same name, shall and may be able and capable to sue in law, and to be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, in all or any Court or Courts of Record, within our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and our said Province of Lower Canada, and other our dominions, in all and singular actions, causes, pleas, suits, matters and demands whatsoever, in as large, ample and beneficial manner and form, as any other body politic or corporate, or any other our liege subjects, being persons, able and capable in law, may or can sue, implead or answer, or be sued, impleaded, or answered, in any matter whatsoever. And for the better accomplishment of the purposes aforesaid, we do grant, ordain and declare, that the said Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and their successors for ever, shall on the second Wednesday in January yearly and every year, meet at some convenient place to be appointed by the said Society, or the major part of them who shall be present at any General Meeting, between the hours of eight and twelve in the morning; and that they or the major part of such of them as shall then be present, shall choose one President, one or more Vice-Presidents, one or more Treasurer or Treasurers, one or more Secretary or Secretaries, and such other Officers and Servants as shall be thought expedient, to serve in the said offices during the year next ensuing, and if by reason of any cause, matter or

thing, the Election so to be had and made on the second Wednesday in the month of January, yearly as aforesaid, should be prevented, or may not be had or made, we grant and ordain that in every such case it shall be competent to the said Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and their successors or the major part of such of them, as may be present at a Meeting to be held as soon after as may be convenient, to proceed to and make Election of a President, Vice-President or Vice-Presidents, Treasurer or Treasurers, Secretary or Secretaries, Officers and Servants, as aforesaid, and the Elections so made, shall be as valid and effectual as if they had been made on such second Wednesday in the month of January as aforesaid; and we do hereby grant and ordain that the Honorable Jonathan Sewell, our Chief Justice of our said Province, and a Member of our Executive and Legislative Councils of our said Province, shall be the first President of the said Society; and that the said President shall within six months after the passing of the Charter, cause notice to be given to the several Members of the said Society herein before mentioned, to meet at such time and place as he shall appoint; and that they or the major part of such of them as shall then be present, shall proceed to the Election of one or more Vice-President or Vice-Presidents, one or more Treasurer or Treasurers, and one or more Secretary or Secretaries, and such other Officers and Servants as shall to them seem meet; which said Officers from the time of their Election to their respective offices, shall continue therein until the second Wednesday, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and from thenceforth until others shall be chosen in their places in manner aforesaid. And we do further grant and ordain, that if at any time or times, it shall happen that any of the

persons chosen to the said offices respectively, shall die, or be removed from the said offices, or resign the same during the period for which they shall have been respectively elected, then, and in every such case, it shall be lawful for the surviving and continuing President, or any one of the Vice-Presidents, to issue notice to the several Members of the said Corporation, to meet at the usual place at which the annual Meeting of the said Society shall be held, at such time as shall be specified in the said notice; and that the Members of the said Corporation who shall meet in pursuance of such notice, or the major part of them, shall and may choose an Officer or Officers, in the room and place of the person or persons who shall have died, or resigned, or have been removed as aforesaid, as to them shall seem meet. And we do further grant and ordain, that the said Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and their successors, shall and may on the second Wednesday in every month, yearly and every year, for ever hereafter, and oftener if occasion shall require, meet at some convenient place to be appointed for that purpose, to transact the business of the said Society; and shall and may at any meeting on such second Wednesday in the month, elect such persons to be Members of the said Corporation, as they or the major part of them present, shall think expedient. Provided always, and our will and pleasure is that no act done at any Meeting of the Society, shall be valid and effectual unless the President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, and eight other Members of the said Society at least be present, and the major part of them do consent to and concur therein. And we do further will, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do grant and ordain, that the said Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and their successors, or the major part of them who

shall be present at the first and second Meeting of the said Society, or at any Meeting on the second Wednesday in the months of January, May and November in each and every year, and at no other Meetings of the said Society, shall have power and authority to frame and make Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Orders, touching and concerning the good government of the said Corporation, and the income and property thereof, and any other matter or thing which to them may seem fit and expedient, for the more effectual attainment of the objects of the said Corporation, and the administration of its concerns; and also, from time to time, by new Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Orders, as to them may seem meet. Provided always, that the said Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Orders, shall not be repugnant to the Laws of our said Province of Lower Canada or to this our Charter. And provided also, that the said Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Orders, shall be subject to the approbation of our Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of our said Province for the time being; and shall forthwith after their adoption be transmitted for his consideration; and in case he shall for us, or in our behalf, signify his disapprobation thereof, in writing, within one year after the same shall have been so as aforesaid made known to him, the same or such part thereof as shall be so disapproved, shall, from the time of the signification of such disapprobation to the President of the said Corporation, be utterly void and of no effect, but until such disapprobation be so signified, shall be and remain in full force and virtue. And we do hereby for us, our heirs and successors, charge and command that the said Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Orders, so as aforesaid to be made by the said Literary and Historical Society, under and subject to the provisions as aforesaid,

shall be strictly observed, kept and performed, from time to time and at all times, as therein and thereby may be required, under the penalty therein contained: And we will and by these presents for us our heirs and successors, do grant and declare that these our Letters Patent, or the enrolment of the exemplification thereof, shall and may be good, firm and valid, sufficient, and effectual in law, according to the true intent and meaning of the same and shall be taken, construed and adjudged upon, in the most favorable and beneficial sense, and to the best advantage of the said Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, as well in our Courts of Record as elsewhere, and by all and singular the Judges, Justices, Officers, Members and others the subjects of us, our heirs and successors, any mis-recital, non-recital, omission, imperfection, defect, cause, matter or thing whatsoever, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

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OFFICERS.

1. The Officers of the Society to be elected annually, shall be :—

A President,
Four Vice-Presidents,
A Recording Secretary,
A Corresponding Secretary,
A Council Secretary,
A Treasurer,
A Librarian,
A Curator of the Museum,
A Curator of the Apparatus.

2. The Election of Officers to be at the monthly meetings of the Society, as provided for by the Charter, shall be by ballot, and by a majority of ballots of the Ordinary and Associate Members present.

3. The Officers of the Society, shall be taken exclusively from the list of Ordinary Members, and shall be elected by a separate ballot for each Officer, with the exception of the Vice-Presidents, who may be elected by a joint ballot, in which case their names are to be placed on the record, according to the number of votes each may have received.

4. No Officer, shall hold more than one of the aforesaid offices at a time.

5. Separate lists of the Ordinary and Associate Members qualified to vote for the time being at the election of Officers, to be prepared and certified by the Recording Secretary and Treasurer conjointly, shall be laid and remain on the table in the Society's Rooms, at least twenty-four hours before proceeding to ballot at every such election.

6. Every Officer of the Society, on going out of office, shall within a week thereafter, transfer and deliver over all documents and matters in his charge, to his successor in office.

7. The Recording Secretary in office for the time being, shall notify every officer elect who may have been absent during the election, of his appointment, within two days thereafter.

8. The duties of the respective Officers, shall be :—

I—The President—To maintain at all meetings of the Society the integrity of the Charter—preside at all General Meetings of the Society—preserve good order and decorum —regulate the debates and cause the order of proceeding prescribed by the Rules to be observed.

II—The Vice-Presidents respectively—To be the same as those of the President, during his absence.

III—The Recording Secretary—To take and preserve correct minutes of the proceedings of the Society at all General Meetings—have the care and custody of all records, papers and documents, not otherwise appropriated—keep a correct list of the Members of the Society, and give public notice of all General Meetings of the Society, at least twenty-four hours previous to the time for holding the same.

IV—The Corresponding Secretary—To maintain and con-

duct the correspondence of the Society—keep copies of all letters written on the business of the Institution—have the care and custody of all letters and communications addressed to the Society—notify Corresponding and Honorary Members of their election within a week thereafter, and acknowledge all donations made by those who are not Ordinary or Associate Members of the Society within a week after the same are received.

v—The Council Secretary—To take and preserve correct minutes of the proceedings of the Council at all its meetings—notify the Members of the Council, when its meetings are to take place—have the care and custody of the Charter—the book or roll of the by-laws and the common seal, all within the Rooms of the Society, and have the care and attend to filling up the diplomas ordered for the Members of the Society.

vi—The Treasurer—To take charge of the funds of the Society—attend to the collection and payment of monies—lodge in the name of the Corporation immediately, and as he may receive the same, all monies received on behalf of the Society, in such bank in the city of Quebec, as the Council may from time to time direct—make no payments but by order of the Council—withdraw no money from the bank but by checks signed by him and countersigned by the President of the Society—lay the bank book before the Society at every General Meeting, and before the Council, when the Council shall require the same—grant receipts on printed forms to be bound up in separate books, for all payments made to the Society, on account of admission fees of Ordinary Members, and annual contributions of Ordinary and Associate Members, and lay those books before the Society at every General Meeting, and before the

Council, when the Council shall require the same—keep a clear and detailed statement of receipts and payments, and submit the same at every Council Meeting—render annually, at the monthly meetings of the Society in January, a general account of balances, receipts and payments of all the money transactions of the Society made up to the fifth of the month, accompanied by vouchers, shewing the actual cash balance on hand—also, render, made up to the same period, a detailed statement of the arrears due by Members, and of all debts, bonds, or other securities that may be due and owing to the Corporation, a statement of the debts or claims, if any, remaining unpaid and due by the Society,—notify Ordinary and Associate Members of their election.

VII—The Librarian—To have the care and custody of the books, manuscripts, maps, charts, plans, diagrams, prints, engravings, paintings and other objects deposited in the Library, and class and arrange them in scientific or methodical order.

VIII—The Curator of the Museum—To have the care and custody of the objects in the different departments of natural history, mechanical arts, manufactures, inventions, natural and artificial curiosities, anatomical preparations and other matters deposited in the Museum—class and arrange the same in scientific or methodical order or in the best manner possible, and according to his judgment.

IX—The Curator of the Apparatus—To have the care and custody of the philosophical, astronomical, chemical and mathematical instruments and apparatus, and all other objects of a like nature deposited in that department, and preserve them in good order for use at all times.

x—The Libarian and the Curators, respectively—To keep a correct list of donations, deposits and additions made to their respective departments, and allow nothing to be taken or carried away on loan or otherwise out of their charge, unless authorized by the express order of the Council according to the by-laws of the Society.

9 The Librarian and the Curators, shall be held responsible for all objects, matters or articles under lock and key, committed to their charge, respectively.

10. The Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the Librarian, and the Curators, shall severally report at every monthly General Meeting of the Society, the transactions which may have occurred in their respective departments during the preceding month.

COUNCIL.

11. The Officers of the Society, shall together form a Council and be the administration of the Society. In that capacity, the Council shall superintend and direct the execution of all orders of the Society; order the payment of all claims against the Institution; superintend the execution of the duties assigned to the respective officers and others in the employ of the Society; authorize and direct the purchase of the additions deemed advisable to be made to the Library, Museum and Apparatus; appoint clerks, assistants, guardians of the premises and property of the Society and other servants from time to time, and them to remove, when required; fix their salaries or wages and order their payment; authorize and direct the purchase of stationary, blank books, and other articles necessary for the use of the Society; convene extraordinary General Meetings of the Society; superintend and direct the printing and publishing of the Transactions of the

Society, Historical Documents, and other Papers ordered for that purpose by the Society; appoint Lecturers on any branch of science or department of literature; fix the time and place for delivering the Lectures and arrange the terms of admission; grant a compensation to Lecturers when required; prepare the annual report of the proceedings of the Society, and submit the same at the monthly General Meeting of the Society in January, and order and direct all other matters to be attended to, that may be deemed necessary for the advantage, well being, and prosperity of the Institution.

12. The Council shall be convened at the call of the President, and in his absence from Quebec, at that of one of the Vice-Presidents.

13. Five Members of the Council, one of whom shall be the President or one of the Vice Presidents, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

14. The Council shall report its proceedings at every monthly General Meeting of the Society.

MEMBERS.

15. The Society shall consist of an unlimited number of Ordinary, Associate and Corresponding Members, and of a limited number of Honorary Members.

16. The number of Honorary Members shall be limited to twenty, of which not more than three may be residents within ten miles of the city of Quebec.

17. The admission of Members to take place only at the monthly General Meetings of the Society, as provided for by the Charter, shall be by ballot; and there shall be a previous nomination of the persons by two Members, Ordinary or Associate, at any preceding General Meeting of the Society.

18. No ballot for the admission of any Member shall take place, unless one of the Members who may have made the previous nomination, shall move the ballot of the person proposed by him, within three months from the date of such nomination, and no election shall be declared, unless two thirds of the Ordinary and Associate Members present, vote in favor of the person ballotted for.

19. Persons residing within ten miles of the city of Quebec, shall be ineligible for admission as Corresponding Members.

20. Persons of distinguished attainments in science, literature and the fine arts, shall alone be eligible for admission as Honorary Members.

21. No ballot for the admission of an Honorary Member, shall take place, unless the Council report previously in favour of the eligibility and qualification of the person proposed.

22. Corresponding Members shall be entitled to attend the meetings of the Society without the right of voting, and to free admission to the Library and Museum; Honorary Members to all the privileges of Ordinary Members without exception.

23. Diplomas shall be furnished to all the Members of the Society.

24. Ordinary Members shall pay on admission, the sum of five pounds currency, and an additional sum of one pound five shillings currency annually. Associate Members, the sum of one pound ten shillings currency annually; or as a commutation for the annual payment, the former the sum of fifteen pounds currency, the latter the sum of twenty pounds currency—Associate Members making the commutation payment, shall thereby become Ordinary Members.

25. The admission fee shall be due and payable on the day of election, and the annual payment in advance, on the fifth of January. Persons admitted as Ordinary or Associate Members during the nine first months of the year, shall be held to pay the annual payment for that year, those admitted during the three last months of the year, shall be held to pay only the annual payment that shall become due in advance on the fifth of January following.

26. Ordinary or Associate Members absent from Quebec twelve or more consecutive months, may be exonerated from the payment of the dues accruing during such absence.

27. No entry of the rejection of any person by the ballot that may take place for his admission as a Member, shall be made on the minutes of the Society.

28. Ordinary and Associate Members on admission, shall sign the Charter, or an obligation in the following words, viz :—

" In becoming Members of the Literary and Historical " Society of Quebec, We promise, each for himself, to " respect the Charter, observe the Rules and Regulations " of the Society, and that we will endeavour to promote " the interests, objects, and honor of the Institution."

" In testimony thereof, we do respeetively hereunto " subscribe our names."

29. The election of every Ordinary and Associate Member who shall neglect or refuse to sign the Charter or the obligation aforesaid, within six months after his admission, shall be declared null and void.

30. Ordinary Members alone shall be held to have an interest in the property of the Society—on ceasing to be

Members thereof, they shall be held to forfeit all claims to the benefit and property of the Corporation.

31. Members may resign, on acquainting the President of the Society thereof in writing. Ordinary and Associate Members, shall, on resigning, be liable for, and shall forthwith pay all arrears, including the annual payment in advance for the current year, that may be due to the Society.

32. No Member in arrears for the annual payments, not however including the payment in advance for the current year, shall be entitled to vote or assist at any meeting, nor be eligible for election to any office or appointment in the Society.

33. Members may be expelled from the Society, for any flagrant act of disrepect to the Officers or Members, or wilful disregard of the Rules and Regulations of the Society, or for any other improper conduct whereby they may have rendered themselves unworthy of belonging to the Society.

34. Expulsion shall take place only pursuant to a Resolution of the Society, adopted at an extraordinary General Meeting convened for the purpose, forty Members being present and voting on the question.

35. Expelled Members shall be held liable for all arrears of annual payments that may be due to the Society, up to the period of expulsion, and shall under no circumstances be readmitted into the Society.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

36. The monthly General Meetings of the Society provided for by the Charter, shall be called meetings for business, at which new Members shall be elected; reports

of the Officers, Classes, Council, and Committees of the Society received; finances of the Society considered, and generally the business, not particularly appertaining to the Literary, Historical and Scientific pursuits of the Institution, attended to. The chair, at the monthly meeting in January, shall be taken at eleven o'clock A. M., and at the other monthly meetings, at half-past seven o'clock P. M. The order of proceeding shall be:—

I—Minutes of the last monthly General Meeting; read.
II—Report of Council.
III—Reports of Classes.
IV—Reports of Committees.
V—Report of Corresponding Secretary
VI—Report of Librarian.
VII—Reports of Curators.
VIII—Report of Treasurer.
IX—Elections.
X—Deferred Business.
XI—New Business.
XII—Adjournment.

37. There shall be General Meetings of the Society held every first and third Saturday of the month during the year, from the month of October to the month of April, both months inclusive, and these shall be called stated meetings for Literary, Historical and Scientific pursuits, at which papers and communications on subjects connected with the objects of the Institution, shall be read; scientific exhibitions and experiments in nature and art made; donations to the Library and Museum received; new Members proposed; no other business shall be brought up, except in cases of urgency, and on a vote of two thirds of the Members present. The chair at the meetings in the

five first months, shall be taken at seven o'clock P. M., and at the two last months, at eight o'clock P. M. The order of proceeding shall be :—

I—Minutes of the last stated Meeting, read.
II—Donations to the Library and Museum.
III—New Members proposed.
IIII—Papers and Communications.
V—Exhibitions and Experiments.
VI—Verbal Communications.
VII—Business called up by Special Resolution.
VIII—Adjournment.

38. When an extraordinary General Meeting of the Society shall be convened, the business of the meeting shall be confined to the consideration of the object for which it is called.

CLASSES.

39. The objects of the Institution, shall be divided into four Classes.

I—The Class of Literature and History—to comprehend —Moral Philosophy, Philology, Polite and Fine Arts, Literature generally, Civil History, Antiquities, Geography, Statistics, Political Economy.

II—The Class of Natural History—Zoology, Geology, Mineralogy, Meteorology, Botany, Dendrology.

III—The Class of Science—Astronomy, Mathematics, Chemistry, Natural and Experimental Philosophy.

IIII—The Class of Arts—Agriculture, Commerce, Trade, Manufactures, Mechanics, Domestic and Useful Arts.

40. There shall be meetings of the Society, to be considered as Grand Committees, under the denomination of the respective Classes, for the purpose of considering and discussing, more freely than can be done at the General

Meetings of the Society, the merits of matters in their several departments coming before the Society, which may be referred to them by the Society or Council; no decision however, shall be taken on the merits of any subject of reference, but at a Class Meeting subsequent to that in which the matter in question shall have been considered.

41. A Chairman and four Deputy Chairmen, to be a Committee of Management in their respective Classes, shall be annually appointed to each Class, by the Council, at a Council Meeting to be held for the purpose, on the second Thursday in January, at half-past eleven o'clock, A.M.

42. The Class Meetings shall be held at the call of their respective Chairmen, and in their absence from Quebec, at that of either of their respective Deputy Chairmen.

43. A written report of the proceedings of the Classes shall be submitted at every monthly General Meeting of the Society.

44. The duty of the Chairman and Deputy Chairmen, respectively of each Class, shall be—to occupy the Chair; preserve order and decorum; regulate the order of proceeding and the debates; convene the Class within eight days from the date of any reference by the Society and Council, for the purpose of acting on the same, and as a Committee; to prepare the matter to be submitted to the Class, and the reports of the Class, to be submitted to the Society.

45. Three Members of the Society, including the Chairman or one of the Deputy Chairmen, shall constitute the quorum of each Class, for the transaction of business.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.

46. A standing Committee of seven Members, including the President and Corresponding Secretary, shall be

annually appointed by ballot, at the monthly General Meeting of the Society in January, the object of which, with a view of forming a collection of original documents and authentic materials, calculated to elucidate the History of the Country, to be preserved for the public benefit among the archives of the Society, shall be, to devise and use the most effectual means for procuring and obtaining, and them to procure and obtain from all possible sources, authentic copies of ancient and public records, chronicles, historical registers and diaries, official and private letters and correspondence, unpublished manuscripts of historical memoirs and notices, and also to procure and obtain the unrecorded traditionary accounts of early events and occurrences still in existence, and from able and intelligent persons on this continent, information on matters connected with the civil, political, and natural history, the antiquities, geography and statistics of Canada, the adjoining Provinces and States.

47. The Historical Committee shall meet the first Thursday in every month, and at other times, at the call of the President of the Society, and in his absence from Quebec, at that of the Corresponding Secretary.

48. Three Members of the Historical Committee, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

49. The Historical Committee shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and report its progress at every monthly General Meeting of the Society.

COMMITTEE OF AUDIT.

50. A Committee of three Members, not of the Council, shall annually be appointed by ballot at the monthly General Meeting of the Society in December, to examine, audit, and state the Treasurer's accounts and statements for

the year, to end the fifth of January ensuing; and the Committee shall report thereon at the monthly General Meeting of the Society in the said month of January.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

51. The Members of any Committee appointed for a specific purpose or measure, shall be named by the President or Chairman, unless a ballot be demanded and granted by the meeting; the proposer of the reference to a Special Committee shall of right be one of its Members.

52. Every Special Committee shall first be convened by the proposer of the reference thereto, within eight days from the date of its being named.

53. The Special Committee, which shall not report within three months from the date of its being named, shall be discharged from the further consideration of the reference, and the Chairman of such Committee, shall report its proceedings, whatever they may be, at the monthly General Meeting of the Society that shall be held next ensuing the expiration of the said period.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

54. The Library and Museum of the Society shall be open daily, Sundays and Holydays excepted, from one to three o'clock, P. M. and during those hours, strangers may be introduced by any Member.

55. The works in the Library shall be classed according to their subjects, and the articles in the Museum shall be classed according to some scientific or methodical arrangement.

56. The property in the Library, the Museum, the Apparatus, the Scientific Instruments, shall be preserved

in suitable cases and cabinets, under lock and duplicate keys and otherwise, in such manner as the Council may direct.

57. The pamphlets and periodical publications received at the Library, shall be bound in volumes, at the discretion of the Council.

58. Articles presented for the Museum, shall be arranged therein, before the monthly General Meeting of the Society, next succeeding their presentation.

59. The specimens in Natural History and other articles contained in the collections of the Museum, the Apparatus, the Scientific Instruments, the Donations to the Library and Museum, the Books and Works in the Library which the Council may deem of great rarity or value, shall not be lent or taken from the Society's Rooms; the Council shall, however, be authorized to lend any of the Apparatus and Scientific Instruments to Members of the Society or other scientific persons applying for the same, upon a representation in writing, that the articles required are necessary to enable them to carry on investigations connected with the objects of the Institution, such parties undertaking to be responsible for the safety of the articles borrowed, return the same within a limited time, make good the damages they may in the meantime sustain. In case the articles shall not be returned within the time specified, replace the same, if they can be obtained, or pay to the Treasurer of the Society, a sum one fourth greater than the prime cost.

60. The Books and Works in the Library, those excepted by the preceding section, may be lent to the Members of the Society, for a period not exceeding fifteen days at a time; the borrowers giving a receipt, which shall contain

a promise to return the Books and Works taken, within the time limited; and in case they are not returned within the time specified, to replace the same, if to be obtained, or pay the Treasurer of the Society, twice the value.

61. Catalogues of the property in charge of the Librarian and Curators to be open for the inspection of Members, shall be kept by each of those Officers in the Rooms of their respective departments.

LECTURES.

62. Lectures, (to be open to the public as well as to the Members of the Society,) on any branch of science or department of literature, in connexion with the objects of the Institution, whenever they can be advantageously procured, shall be annually provided for by the Council, tobedelivered during the winter months, on such days and on such terms of admission, as the Council may direct; no hour, however, to be selected for the Lecture, that may interfere with the business of the Society at any of its meetings.

TRANSACTIONS.

63. The printing and publishing of the Transactions of the Society, and the sale of the same, shall be under the care and superintendance of the Council; the number of copies to be printed, may, from time to time, be determined by the Council. Each Ordinary and Associate Member of the Society, shall be bound to take a copy at prime cost.

64. The Transactions of the Society shall be published in two separate series of volumes and printed in royal octavo form; the one series to comprise the Transactions in the departments of Literature, Science and Art; the other those in the Historical department of the Society; the

Transactions may be published in detached parts at such intervals of time as the Council shall direct. When the parts published shall be deemed by the Council sufficient to complete a volume, there shall be added to each volume, a title page, preface and table of contents, and also to each volume of the series in the departments of Literature, Science and Arts, the acquisitions to the Library and Museum by donation or purchase, the list of Members then belonging to the Society, and the Officers of the Society for the current year.

65. No paper shall be published in the Transactions of the Society, that previously shall not have been read at a General Meeting of the Society; reported upon as to its merits, and recommended for publication by the Class to which it may have been referred, and thereupon ordered for publication, pursuant to a resolution of the Society at any of the monthly General Meetings.

PRIZES.

66. Prizes on subjects connected with the objects of the Institution, to be open for competition to all persons without distinction, under such rules and regulations as the Council may, from time to time, appoint, shall annually or at such intervals of time as the circumstances and finances of the Corporation may warrant, be offered by the Society.

67. The subjects for competition being then recommended by the Classes, the Society shall annually at the monthly General Meeting in May, determine upon the list of Prizes to be offered for the current year.

68. The Prize productions having previously been read and examined at a General Meeting of the Society, and reported upon by the Classes to which they may have

been referred, the Society shall annually at the monthly General Meeting in April, determine upon their merits and award the Prizes they may accordingly be entitled to.

69. The papers on the Prize subjects may be written in the English, French or Latin languages.

70. The unsuccessful Prize productions shall become the property of the Corporation, unless demanded by their authors, within twelve months from the date of their being received by the Society.

71. The Prizes of the Society shall be :—

I—First Prize, Gold Medal.
II—Second Prize, Gold Medal.
III—First Prize, Silver Medal.
IIII—Second Prize, Silver Medal.
V—Honorary Gold Medal.
VI—Honorary Silver Medal.
VII—Prizes in Money.

The Medals to be of such size and form and bear such device and inscription as the Council may direct.

ANNIVERSARY PRIZE MEETING.

72. The General Meeting of the Society for distributing the Prizes, shall be annually held on the last Thursday in April, the Chair to be taken at eleven o'clock, A. M. the business of the meeting to conclude by an Oration on a general subject connected with the objects of the Institution, which may be delivered in English, French or Latin. The Orator for the occasion shall be named and selected by the Council, from among the Members of the Society.

FUNDING COMMUTATION PAYMENTS.

73. The principal sum received in commutation of the annual payments of Ordinary and Associate Members of the

Society, shall, from time to time, and whenever the same amounts to thirty pounds currency, be funded by the Council, in such mode as may be deemed most advantageous to the Corporation.

BY-LAWS.

74. By-Laws and standing Orders to be enacted or adopted at the General Meetings of the Society, provided for that purpose by the Charter, shall be proposed and discussed at a previous monthly General Meeting of the Society.

DIPLOMAS.

75. The Diplomas of the Society shall be prepared in such style and form as the Council may direct, and be signed by the President, one of the Vice-Presidents, the Council Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary, and sealed with the common seal of the Corporation.

COMMON SEAL.

76. The Device and Inscription on the common seal of the Corporation, shall be,

BOOKS AND REGISTERS.

77. The proceedings and matters of the Institution to be recorded, shall be entered in separate Books and Registers to be provided for the purpose, to comprehend severally :—

I—The Charter, By-Laws and Standing Orders of the Corporation.

II—The proceedings of General Meetings of the Society.

III—The proceedings of Meetings of the Council.

IIII—The proceedings of Meetings of the Classes.

V—The proceedings of the Historical Committee.

VI—The list of the Members of the Society.

VII—The list of Officers, Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of Classes, Members of the Historical Committee, and paid Assistants of the Society.

VIII—The Treasurer's annual Accounts and Statements.

IX—The Letters written from the Society.

X—The Letters received when ordered by the Council to be copied or transcribed.

XI—The annual List of Prizes.

XII—The Donations to the Library and Museum.

XIII—The General Catalogue of the Library.

XIV—The General Catalogue of the Museum.

XV—The General Catalogue of the Apparatus and Scientific Instruments.

XVI—The Barometrical and Thermometrical variations of the temperature, Meteorological observations when made or received.

These Books and Registers to be severally written up, daily, or from time to time, by the paid Assistant Secretary of the Society, under the superintendance of the Council.

GENERAL RULES.

78. All decisions, unless otherwise provided for by the Charter and By-Laws of the Corporation, shall be by a majority of votes of the Members present.

79. The President or Chairman, shall not vote as a Member, but in case of equal divisions on questions before the meeting, he shall have a casting vote.

80. No debate shall arise or decision take place on any question, unless the subject be before the Chair on a written motion and seconded.

81. When a Member speaks on a question, he shall rise and address the Chair, and no person shall speak twice on any question, except in explanation or by leave of the Chair.

82. Questions relating to party politics or religious controversy, or even allusions to such subjects, shall on no account be admissible in the debates or discussions.

83. In all points not noticed by the Charter or By-Laws of the Corporation, the Society shall be governed by the established usages of similar Institutions in Great Britain.

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